



Base Briefs

E-4S CAN MOVE

A new Air Force policy offers senior airmen with three years time in service the opportunity to move off base. Those senior airmen who decide to remain in unaccompanied housing may do so. Call 606-2590 or 606-3933 for more information.

TAX CHANGE

Under the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, California is prohibited from including military income in computing state taxes on a non-resident servicemember's total income. This policy is retroactive beginning with the 1999 tax year. Airmen can call 606-3650 to see if they can amend their earlier returns to take advantage of the tax savings.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The 30th Security Forces Squadron's crime prevention office is organizing Vandenberg's first neighborhood watch. They are currently looking for base housing residents who would like to pioneer the organization as part of the planning committee for their block. Call Senior Airman Harris Johnson at 605-2585.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

A memorial service for the victims of the Holocaust will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Chapel 1. Jewish food and music will be provided. Call 606-0370 for more information.

SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENT

Applications are being accepted for the NCOIC position at Vandenberg's First Term Airmen Center. Qualified personnel should apply by Wednesday. Call 606-9815 or 606-5957 for more information.

CLEAN-UP DAY

This year's base-wide spring clean-up takes place April 26 through May 2. During the work week, facility managers should clean inside and around their facilities. Areas requiring the attention of the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron should be identified as soon as possible. On the weekend, military family housing residents are to ensure their yards meet housing standard to include the lawn, edging and shrubs. Housing residents should plan in advance if they will not be around for the weekend. Call 1st Lt. Anthony Morales at 606-5802 for details.

MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES

Due to the loss of the

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Gravity Probe B to launch aboard Delta II Monday

By SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The Gravity Probe B research satellite is set to launch Monday aboard a Boeing Delta II rocket.

The rocket is scheduled to lift off just after 10 a.m. from Space Launch Complex-2.

The satellite, a joint experiment between NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, Lockheed Martin and Stanford University, will orbit the Earth to test theories put forth by Albert Einstein.

"Gravity Probe B has the potential to uncover fundamental properties of the invisible universe – a universe which seems very bizarre and alien to our everyday perceptions yet one that Einstein tried to show us almost a century ago," said Dr. Anne Kinney,

director of the astronomy and physics division in NASA's Office of Space Science. "Testing the key aspects of Einstein's theory, such as GP-B will do, will provide crucial information to science, just as it has already helped America by pushing technological progress in developing the tools needed for these ultra-precise measurements."

According to NASA officials, the spacecraft will test two extraordinary predictions of Einstein's general theory of relativity that he advanced in 1916.

Einstein developed the theory of gravitation, in which he interpreted gravity not as a force, but as a field distorting space and time. The planets in their courses, which seem to us to be moving in elliptic orbits around the Sun, are

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in reality following straight lines through curved space-time.

Gravity Probe-B is designed to reveal these consequences of relativity with gyroscopes, which measure how space and time are warped by the Earth's presence – and how the Earth's rotation drags space-time around it.

"Developing GP-B has been a

supreme challenge requiring the skillful integration of an extraordinary range of new technologies," said Professor Francis Everitt of Stanford University and the GP-B principal investigator. "It is wonderful to be ready for launch."

The experiment will precisely check tiny changes in the axis of

spin of four gyroscopes contained in a satellite launched into a 400-nautical-mile-high polar orbit.

The experiment is scheduled to last about 16 months.

Information about the Delta II rocket is available on the Web at www.spacecom.af.mil. To learn more about Gravity Probe-B, visit www.ksc.nasa.gov/elnw/gpb/.

Hop-along!



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BERNICE SUAREZ

Eight-month-old Caleum Ethridge meets the Easter Bunny for the first time Sunday at the base Easter egg hunt at the youth center.

30th Space Wing is "EXCELLENT"

By TIMES STAFF
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Vandenberg received an "Excellent" rating on the operational readiness inspection after two weeks of deployment simulations, evaluations and Team V Airmen proving their mission readiness.

Team Vandenberg Airmen cheered as Col. Brad Ward, Air Force Space Command inspector general, explained to the 30th Space Wing during the ORI outbrief April 9 that Vandenberg had 92 graded areas inspected throughout the past two weeks and 71 percent of those exceeded Air Force standards.

He said the inspectors observed 18 best practices and they recognized 52 wing members as "professional performers."

"(With) 18 best practices, no unit has ever come close to that number," the Colonel added.

It also seemed that THINK BLUE impressed the inspectors. Colonel Ward said the THINK

BLUE campaign was the thing that really set the wing apart.

Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander, said he was proud of the Team V Airmen and over the preceding months he watched Airmen build together as a team.

"You proved you had the will to prepare to win, I couldn't be prouder of each of you," he said.

Several organizations received top ratings with an outstanding on their individual inspections.

Those units included the history office, exercise evaluation team, protocol, the heritage center, 30th Comptroller Squadron, 2nd Range Operations Squadron and 30th Range Management Squadron.

"This is a tremendous team," Colonel Ward said. "A true test of a wing is when we ask ourselves the questions, would we want to be assigned here, and would we want to go to war with this unit?"

The answer is absolutely: yes! Job well done."

New travel system enroute to Vandenberg

By SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Preparations are currently underway to implement the new Defense Travel System – set to come online here in July to streamline the military travel process.

According to Staff Sgt. Ginger Cross, 30th Comptroller Squadron, DTS uses the Internet to expedite travel processing and save money. The system will be available through a Website and gives Airmen the ability to generate orders, purchase airline tickets and make hotel and car rental reservations. In addition, travel vouchers are processed quicker through the site.

"The system incorporates Public Key Infrastructure, digital signatures and electronic funds transfers for superior customer service," said Sergeant Cross.

Questions on using the new system are answered on the site.

"Once the system is live,

travelers will have access to a comprehensive web-based training course as well as refresher training provided by the DTS help desk," said Master Sgt. Mike Cancel, defense travel administrator for Air Force Space Command.

The software developers are currently working with the 30th Comptroller Squadron to train their personnel in use of the system.

"Vandenberg is in the initial phase of deployment," Sergeant Cross said. "Training for the unit representatives begins in earnest in May. The first squadrons will begin using DTS mid-July, with the rest of the wing being phased in the months to follow."

"[It's] a seamless, paperless temporary duty travel system that meets the needs of travelers, commanders and process owners," said Col. Larry Schaefer, DTS program director. "It will support the mission, provide superior service, and reduce costs."

Two new medals recognize heroic units

■ RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche approved two new medals recognizing units for outstanding heroism in combat and for achievement or service in direct support of combat operations.

The Gallant Unit Citation and the Meritorious Unit Award can be awarded to Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard units for actions or service while directly supporting combat operations.

The Gallant Unit Citation is awarded to units for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States.

The action must be while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

This ribbon is worn immediately before the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. Subsequent awards will be denoted by oak leaf clusters.

"The unit must have performed with marked distinction under difficult and hazardous conditions in accomplishing its mission so as to set it apart from other units participating in the same conflict," said Tech. Sgt. Jeff Simmons, awards and decorations branch superintendent at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

"The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Silver Star which is awarded for gallantry and heroism of high degrees, including risk of life in action," he added.

Meritorious Unit Awards are awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of

outstanding achievement or service directly supporting combat operations for at least 90 continuous days. The military operations must be against an armed enemy of the United States on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

"The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit," Sergeant Simmons said. "Service in a combat zone is not required, but service must be directly related to the combat effort."

This ribbon is worn immediately before the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Subsequent awards will be denoted by oak leaf clusters.

Both medals are currently in the design phase, which may take several months before they are ready for wear, AFPC officials said.

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30th Security Forces Squadron wins intramural basketball championship. See Page A6.



Destinations Central Coast explores the Santa Monica Pier in Los Angeles. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast
Mostly cloudy with chance for showers Saturday.
Low/High
41/62
For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit
www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather_index.html

Child Abuse Prevention Month teaches Team V healthy parenting

BY JULIE RAMSEY
30th Medical Group

■ Out of the one million cases of child maltreatment reported in the United States in 2001 to Child Welfare Services for Abuse and Neglect, more than 900,000 cases were confirmed for maltreatment of some kind. According to the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, four children die each day from maltreatment and the majority are under the age of five. For those who survive, the emotional effects remain long after the external bruises have healed. Currently about 47 out of every 1000 children in the United States are reported as victims of child abuse.Children who witness domestic violence are also considered victims of abuse.

Often the severe emotional damage of witnessing domestic violence, as well as experiencing their own violence, does not surface until adolescence or later. Parents then wonder what’s wrong with their child. The children witnessing this abuse may eventually become abusive parents themselves.These children may display several behaviors that are out of the ordinary. Some of these include: poor self image, inability to depend on anyone, having to have absolute approval from all, becoming aggressive and disruptive, withdrawing from life, doing illegal things such as drugs and stealing orbecoming passive and letting people walk over them. Many fear relationships or other activities, increase in academic failure due to lack of self-esteem and lack of motivation.

The best thing for people to do if they suspect child of being maltreated is to report it to the Child Welfare Services office so the family will be able to get help to break the cycle of abused.

The agency will normally refer the family to therapy. A child therapist is able to treat the “whole child.” This may include referrals to counseling for the emotional and psychological problems that may be occurring as a possible result of the abuse witnessed or experienced.

Through treatment, individuals can begin to regain a sense of self-confidence and trust. The family ultimately learns new ways to communicate effectively, as well as being able to encourage their children



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BERNICE SUAREZ

Team Vandenberg spouse, Patrick Etheridge, spends quality time with his new born son Caleum just minutes after he was born. According to the national child abuse prevention Web site at www.preventchildabuse.org, parents who show their children daily affection are helping to build their child’s confidence and self esteem.

Tips on combating child abuse

- ♦ **Reach out** – Be a friend to a parent you know. Ask how their children are doing.
- ♦ **Raise the issue** – Point out that preventing child abuse and neglect is an important investment in the future of your community.
- ♦ **Remember the risk factors** – Parents who abuse alcohol or drugs, are uninterested in child care, are isolated from family and friends or are themselves dealing with physical or emotional abuse, are at risk of

- possibly abusing their child.
- ♦ **Recognize the warning signs** – A child who is shows aggression towards adults, has low self esteem, dramatic change in personality and frequent unexplained bruises or marks on their bodies may be signs of abuse.
 - ♦ **Report any known or suspected abuse or neglect** – Call the National Child Abuse Hotline at (800) 4-A-CHILD to report child abuse.

instead of discouraging them. Families will learn what abusive behavior is as well as appropriate parenting skills.

“The goal of any child abuse prevention program is to interrupt abusive or destructive patterns while providing education and support,” said Capt. Chad Johnson, 30th Medical Group family advocacy officer.

“Vandenberg employs several strategies through the Family Advocacy Program, family support senter, Health and Wellness Center and so on that are designed to decrease incidents of child abuse.”

To report child abuse of any kind, call (800) 367-0166. On base, call the Family Advocacy Office at 606-8217.

Team V recognizes Girl Scout volunteer leaders

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■ On Thursday, Girl Scout leaders and other volunteers are honored During National Volunteer Week.

Team V Girl Scout leaders have volunteered several hours of their time to towards helping young girls toward reaching their goals.

National Volunteer Recognition Week begins Sunday and concludes April 24.

According to the Girl Scouts’ official Web site, the organization aims to help girls build character and skills for success in life.

In partnership with committed adult volunteers, Girl Scouts cultivate women’s full individual potential developing leadership, values, social conscience, and conviction about their own self-worth.

The following women were Team Vandenberg’s Girl Scout leaders: Denay Tubbs

- Brandy McDaniel
Chris Little
Dorthea Rosen
Linda Seward
Alicia Dryja
Holly Barkman
Shemena Nurse
Melissa Evans
Tanya Rio
TyRhonda Johnson
Betsy Liebenow
Sandra Lyzenga
Sarah Sherrill
Wendy Wilkerson
Kelly Pirtle
Debbie Outlaw
Renee Hokinson
Gabrielle Dupree
Melanie Bean
Tanisha Pringle
Mary Hernandez
Angelica Guerrero
Niki Kissiar
Jennifer Moore
Michelle Nunez
Cheryl D. Willard



ALCON: Normal

A general condition reflecting responsible alcohol use

AADD saves: **93** DUI totals for the year:**7**

Days since last DUI: **12**

30th OG	0	30th SW	1	614th SOPG	0
30th MSG	2	14th AF	0	381st TRG	2
30th MDG	1	30th LCG	0	576th FLTS	1



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Keep the momentum going

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS
30th Space Wing commander

Good day HAWKS! What an incredible wrap up to a lot of hard work from the readiness and compliance inspections. I'm especially proud of all of you for the "Excellent" rating we received on the Operational Readiness Inspection.

I've heard that a few Airmen were disappointed with the GREEN rating because of our THINK BLUE attitude, but what everyone needs to understand is that "Excellent" means we exceeded the tough Air Force standards! The AFSPC Inspector General said they identified 18 best practices from VAFB—more than any other base he's ever inspected—that means we are doing it right and setting the standard for the command. I never doubted this team was

capable of achieving top ratings for a minute. Remember that regardless of the score, our goal is to train and develop Airmen who live by our core values, period. At the end of the day, all I expect is for you to "Do the Right Thing." Everyone in this wing can be a leader ... never walk by an opportunity to lead.

Now it's time to shift our focus toward the next big challenge, as Team V prepares for the command's first Guardian Challenge in two years. Gen. Lord has said that this will be the best GC ever, and I know Team V will produce some stellar results. We have a lot of activities between now and then including a Delta II launch. Support your GC team and keep the momentum from our fantastic inspection going as we keep the Schriever Trophy for a third GC in a row. Go HAWKS!

30th Space Wing vectors

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or
E-mail your message to
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Col. Frank Gallegos
commander

use your chain of command. Talk to your supervisors, first sergeants, services officials and other base professionals and give them a chance to solve your problem first.

Working together, we will enrich the 30th SW mission performance and the quality of life of our Airmen.

When calling the action line, leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

Am I my brother's keeper?

By LT. COL. SAMUEL EPPERSON
381st Training Support Squadron commander

What's your answer to that question?

Some of you may be familiar with the Bible story of Cain and Abel (The Book of Genesis, Chapter 4). Essentially, due to jealousy, Cain murders his brother Abel and buries his body. God confronts Cain and says, "Where is Abel your brother?" Cain flippantly responds with a false statement and a question, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" That was approximately 6,000 years ago. However, the question is no less relevant today.

I accepted command of the 381st Training Support Squadron July 14, 2003. Since that date I've attended 11 Air Education and Training Command fatality and suicide briefings. Circumstances surrounding these briefings are most often tragic. In many cases — though not all — the fatality or

suicide could have been prevented through greater involvement of people in the unit or community. More recently, our military faces repulsive indictments of sexual harassment and even worse, sexual assault. Let me ask the question again; am I my brother's keeper?

Let's run a quick analysis of the question and consider that "brother" is a gender neutral reference meaning brother or sister. The analysis is comprised of three parts: defining "brother," defining "keeper," and finally placing the two together to provide a proper context for our question.

First, who is our brother? Have you seen the recent miniseries Band of Brothers? The series is based on a book by Stephen Ambrose and tells the story of Easy Company, 506th Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division, U.S. Army. They were an elite rifle company parachuting into France early on D-Day morning, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and capturing Hitler's Eagle's Nest at

Berchtesgaden, Germany. It's easy for us to look back at a unit like this and determine who the brothers were. What about today? We are no different. As members of the 381st Training Group, we may not parachute into enemy territory to fight. However, we still operate under the same principles — that is, we still have a military mission and each one of us contribute toward its successful accomplishment. So again, who is your brother? Your brother is the person in the cubicle beside you. Your brother is the instructor in another flight or squadron. Your brother is the administration or support Airman you casually say "good morning" to or sometimes don't acknowledge at all. Your brother is the secretary down the hall or the spouse and/or child of a deployed member in your squadron.

Secondly, what does "keeper" mean? The biblical word for keeper is *shamar*. It's a Hebrew word meaning to guard, to protect, to attend or to regard. With this

definition the term "keeper" then implies a responsibility to guard, protect or watch over. Now let's put the terms brother and keeper together as the framework for our original question.

If I am my brother's keeper, then I'm watching out for the person sitting in the cubicle beside me. I am responsible for guarding, protecting and attending to other members of my unit. I offer assistance to the spouse and children of a deployed brother. I have to exercise good judgment and leadership and not let my brother drive after he or she's been drinking. I watch out for my brother and make sure he or she's adhering to proper safety practices. If I know my brother has a problem, I have the responsibility to intervene and obtain help for them. In the words of our Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, every Airman is a sensor!

So ask yourself the question. Am I my brother's keeper? The answer for each of us is easy, yes I am!

Do you have a perspective or experience you want to share with Team V?

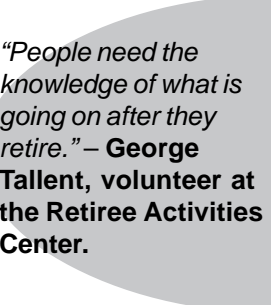
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HAWKS' Point of View

"Why do you volunteer?"



"I like to be around Air Force families, helping them out." — **Gilbert Smith, volunteer at the base pharmacy.**



"People need the knowledge of what is going on after they retire." — **George Tallent, volunteer at the Retiree Activities Center.**



"I like to give back to the community." — **Jodie Blevins, volunteer at the food pantry.**



"I like to help those who need it." — **Tina Dusablon, volunteer at the food pantry.**



"I like to volunteer to be part of the Vandenberg team. I like helping people." — **Pam Lane, volunteer at the tax office.**



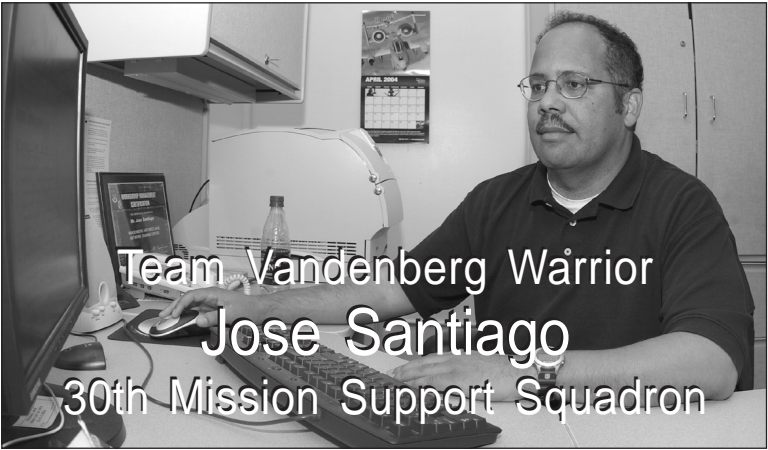
Hometown: Rockford, Ill.
Time in Service: 16 years
Recent career history: Served as a joint logistics planner at U.S. Strategic Command.
Leadership philosophy: Getting the mission accomplished is what we are here for. However, true success is not achieved without the personal and professional growth of our Airmen.
Short-term goals: Meet people, see the process and make some long-term goals.
Personal information: Married to Caroline for 17 years. We have two children, Ashley and Steve.
Hobbies: Motorcycle riding, shooting and golfing
How do you fulfill core values? After 16 years, our culture is who I am. As a field grade officer and commander, I must demonstrate by example and chat with our young Airmen about why I feel this is a wonderful way of life and hopefully our core values will become their way of life too.
What is the most exciting thing that has happened to you during your Air Force career? Taking command of the 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron.



Meet the new commander,
Lt. Col. Jeffrey Kersten
30th Logistics Readiness Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BERNICE SUAREZ

Hometown: Salina, Kansas
Time in service: Retired 20-year master sergeant, 3 years civil service
Time on station: 5 years
Role in mission: As a personnel systems specialist, I provide access to personnel systems and provide personnel data to the military personnel flight and base wide agencies.
How do you contribute to the wing mission? Provide access to personnel data and provide analysis of that data to the wing so that critical personnel decisions can be made.
What do you like best about the Air Force? The commitment and patriotism exhibited by people from all walks of life.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? Nothing. I wish the Air Force were able to change societies perception of the military. I don't think people realize the true sacrifice we make while serving our country.
How do you fulfill the Air Force core values? Integrity, loyalty and selflessness are vital to success. No matter the obstacles or workplace conflicts I may have encountered, I never compromised the commitment to excellence.
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? My assignment to Wiesbaden Air Base, Germany. It was fun traveling and enjoying the sites of Europe.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? Move the base to Santa Barbara.



Team Vandenberg Warrior
Jose Santiago
30th Mission Support Squadron

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BERNICE SUAREZ

Who is your role model and why? My dad. He served honorably in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War as an Army soldier. Any problem that I have encountered in life does not compare to what he had to endure. Life has been easy to me. It's all about one's perspective.
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Gen. George S. Patton. He knew what needed to be done and did it with vigor. Quote: "The object of war is not to die for your country but to make the other bastard die for his."
Favorite movie: Patton
Hobbies: Playing guitar

Crimebeat

COMPILED BY MASTER SGT. WESLEY ASLESON
30th Security Forces Squadron

April 8
Assault – 1:50 p.m.
An Airman reported another Airman struck him in the hand during a verbal altercation at Bomarc Dormitory. The Airman in question was apprehended for assault and released to his first sergeant. There were no injuries.

Identity theft – 2:53 p.m.
An Airman's wife reported unknown person(s) used her social security number and her old address to open a bank account in her name. An incident report was accomplished.



April 9
Property theft – 7:36 a.m.
An Airman reported \$173 stolen from her Battle Dress Uniform blouse while hanging in an equipment room in building 10728.

April 10
Too hot for TV! – 7:30 p.m.
The Vandenberg fire department dispatcher reported a possible electrical fire at a home on Heath Street. Investigation revealed an Airman's television emitting sparks so the power was turned off and an electrician contacted.

April 13
Strangers in the night – 4:45 a.m.
An Airman's wife reported being awakened by voices talking downstairs inside her home on Ocean

View Boulevard. Patrolmen checked the quarters and could not determine the cause of the voices.

Check your six! – 7:12 a.m.
The Main Gate sentry reported a civilian employee's vehicle struck the rear of a contractors van at the gate and the drivers were outside their vehicles arguing. Patrolmen responded to assist.

DINGS N' DENTS:
The security forces recorded 42 instances of minor vehicle accidents for the first quarter of 2004 attributed primarily to inattentive driving. The majority of the dings n' dents resulted from backing without ensuring clearance or following to closely causing rear end damage to an unsuspecting driver. Security forces recommends in order to put a "dent" in the high statistics, conduct a 360 degree walk around of your vehicle prior to any backing action. Always use a spotter when available vehicle, both are just as valuable. When stopped behind another vehicle or following a vehicle at a slow pace, allow a reasonable distance in between, one full car length is a suggestion. Help us help you, by putting a "dent" in the amount of minor accident incidents.

Editor's note: Although the Space & Missile Times may make light of some blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional security forces treat each incident seriously.

This week in history

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30th Space Wing Public Affairs

April 11
1911 – The Army's first permanent flying school is established at College Park, Md.

April 12
1961 – Aboard the spacecraft Vostok 1, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin becomes the first human being to travel into space. During the flight, the 27-year-old test pilot and industrial technician also became the first man to orbit the planet, a feat accomplished by his space capsule in 89 minutes. Vostok 1 orbited Earth at a maximum altitude of 187 miles and was guided entirely by an automatic control system. The only statement attributed to Gagarin during his one hour and 48 minutes in space was, "Flight is proceeding normally; I am well." The triumph of the Soviet space program in putting the first man into space was a great blow to the United States, which had scheduled its first space flight for May 1961.

April 13
1970 – Disaster strikes 200,000 miles from Earth when oxygen tank No. 2 blows up on Apollo 13, the third manned lunar landing mission.

April 14
1986 – The United States launches air strikes against Libya in retaliation for the Libyan sponsorship of terrorism against American troops and citizens. The raid involved more than 100 U.S. Air Force and Navy aircraft, and was over within an hour. Five military targets and "terrorism centers" were hit.

April 15
1865 – At 7:22 a.m., Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, dies from a bullet wound inflicted the night before by John Wilkes Booth, an actor and Confederate sympathizer.

1912 – Titanic sinks into the North Atlantic Ocean about 400 miles south of Newfoundland, Canada. The massive ship, which carried 2,200 passengers and crew, had struck an iceberg two and half hours before.

VMOC to revolutionize satellite command, control in theater

Demonstration here to be "glimpse into the future"

By CAPT. MIKE MANOR
14th Air Force Commander's Action Group

■ A Special Forces team behind enemy lines needs the latest intelligence pictures of an enemy position they are about to engage.

They log onto the Internet to request and download pictures, current weather, and threat and target information located in databases halfway around the world.

Sounds far-fetched perhaps, but the 14th Air Force is testing a new capability enabling warfighters in theater to get the latest status of bridges, roads or enemy divisions by simply logging onto the Internet.

The Virtual Mission Operations Center, under development by the Air Force Battle Lab and NASA's Glenn Research Center, will use Internet protocols to standardize satellite command and control and ensure ground users have the necessary connection available to receive information or even task satellites.

With the center, space operators will use secure Internet connections to command and control satellites, while warfighters in theater can "dial in" on the Internet to request and receive the most up-to-date information located in current databases.

A demonstration here in May and June will give space professionals from the 14th AF and the Space Warfare Center – located at Schriever AFB, Colo. – a chance to contact a Surrey Satellite Limited Microsat, a disaster monitoring satellite owned by the University of Surrey, United Kingdom, using a secure Internet link. The Army

Space & Missile Defense Battle Lab will support field-testing for this demonstration.

During the demonstration, users will retrieve real-time information from the satellite, access current databases, and collect data in a variety of formats.

"The demonstration will be a glimpse into the future of how space systems can be more effectively commanded, controlled and operated to insure their effects are integrated with and more responsive to joint warfighters anywhere in the world," said Maj. Gen. Michael Hamel, 14th Air Force commander.

"This capability can transform how space forces are integrated with joint operations on the battlefield."

MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL HAMEL,
14TH AIR FORCE COMMANDER

Master Sgt. Larry Dikeman, VMOC demonstration officer for Air Force Space Battlelab, is excited by what this new technology can provide for our forces in the field.

"VMOC is going to revolutionize the way warfighters get information on the front lines," Sergeant Dikeman said. "Currently, the guys on the front can't get the information they need, sometimes for

days. Now they'll be able to get the info in real time."

At the heart of VMOC, is its sophisticated security server that prevents unauthorized users from gaining access to the system through a variety of authentication and encryption measures.

Once the data is requested, if it's not available in the database or is too dated for the current operation, a satellite payload would be tasked to get the most current information depending on commander guidance and priority of user.

User priority is updated in the security server based on the importance of the user's mission enabling the most important mission users to get access to information first.

"This capability can transform how space forces are integrated with joint operations on the battlefield," said Gen. Hamel. "The 14th Air Force has been focused on how best to integrate and employ space capabilities in global and theater operations. We need closer partnership between space developers and operators as we develop, build, test and field new space capabilities."

This new technology will also free satellite command and control from fixed locations, most of which are at Schriever, giving the Air Force more flexibility for system deployment, relocation and operations of its space assets.

"VMOC has great potential operational payoff and is a model for how to strengthen the ties between system developers and system operators who put them to use," the general added.

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base's mammography technician, the 30th Medical Group will refer all mammography services to the civilian community. Active-duty Airmen will require a referral from their primary care manager prior to seeing the doctor. All others may be eligible to self refer to a network facility. For additional information, call (800) 242-6788 or visit the Tricare Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil.

NO POST OFFICE
Due to loss of contract, there will no longer be a post office at Vandenberg. Team V members will still be able to receive and send letters, but all packages must be mailed at an off-base post office.

ZERO TOLERANCE
The 30th Space Wing has zero tolerance for sexual assault and sexual harassment. In an effort to increase awareness of the issue, the wing has activated a Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force led by the 30th SW Vice Commander. Several initiatives in the future will help Team V members recognize and prevent sexual assault.

ENLISTED WIDOWS/WIDOWERS
A widow or widower of a retired enlisted member who is 55 or older and possesses a valid retired military identification card may be eligible to live at the Air Force Enlisted Village in Shalimar, Fla. Those widowed spouses may also be eligible for rent subsidy. Call (800) 258-1413 or visit the Village's Web site at www.afenlistedwadows.org for more information.

ALCOHOL MISUSE
There have been 12 alcohol related incidents at

Vandenberg in 2004, including six DUIs. Vandenberg has an active Airmen Against Drunk Driving program, which has had 72 saves this year. Call AADD at 606-2233 for a free 'no questions asked' ride home.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE
Recreational vehicles may be parked in base housing areas for no more than 72 hours for loading, unloading or cleaning. Recreational vehicles are defined as boats, campers, cargo trucks, motor homes and pick-up campers. Call 606-3795 for more information.

321ST REUNION
A reunion is scheduled from August 13-15 at Grand Forks AFB, N.D. for all former members of the 321st wing or group. For more information visit the Web site at www.gfservices.com/321/. Anyone that was assigned to the wing or associated units is invited to attend.

TRICARE COUNSELING
Counselors are available at Vandenberg for TriCare members who need debt counseling due to non-payment of medical or dental services. The counselors work to troubleshoot all TriCare and military health care system issues and concerns. To speak with counselors, call Bonnie Robles at 606-7483 or Judith Monroe at 606-6785.

YARD SALES
Lawn, carport and garage sales are permitted twice a year and just prior to leaving the home. Sales must be limited to daylight hours only and no more than three consecutive days. Signs must be removed at the end of each day of the sale. Signs cannot be posted on telephone, power or street light poles, street signs, trees or mailboxes. Unsold items must not be left outside the home once the sale is over.

Vandenberg’s spacelift maintenance team uses brainpower to prepare for Guardian Challenge 2004



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER

Staff Sgt. Ryan Armes and Tech Sgt. Timothy Giberson, 2nd Space Launch Squadron, simulate an inspection check in preparation for Guardian Challenge 2004. The GC spacelift maintenance team will be tested on their ability to track, detect, correct and document any number of conditions during an emergency situation. They will also be timed on their technical functions which include their basic monthly inspections.

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs
Editor’s note: This article is the third in a series of four articles that will highlight each of this year’s Guardian Challenge teams.

As the reigning spacelift maintenance champions for 2001 and 2002, the 30th Space Wing’s Guardian Challenge spacelift maintenance team is working hard to make history repeat itself. While some of the other GC teams demonstrate their strength, the maintenance team’s brainpower will be put to the ultimate test.

The team, all members of the 2nd Space Launch Squadron, will be tested on their ability to track, detect, correct and document any number of conditions from emergency situations to basic technical performance. The team will be timed, graded and scored based on how well they pay attention to detail and follow correct procedures.

It may seem like a lot to deal with, but Tech. Sgt. Timothy Giberson said his team of knowledgeable Airmen are more than ready for competition day to roll around.

“I’ve been here since 1996, so I’ve had the opportunity to know just about everything there is to know about this job,” said Sergeant Giberson. “Are we ready for this? Of course, and that’s why I’ve got all the confidence in these guys because they know their stuff.”

At a Guardian Challenge training scenario Monday, Staff Sgt. Fernando Rosete got the opportunity to prove just how prepared he was.

During a simulated emergency generator maintenance operation and acceptance check, he was tested on his ability to follow procedure during a routine monthly inspection.

Sergeant Rosete was also thrown a couple of curve balls during his test.

“The scenario must be realistic and his emergency response has to be tested,” Sergeant Giberson said. “So some of the tests will involve hidden suspicious packages and someone getting hurt. He will have to prove he can

give the injured person emergency medical attention and still function in the event of a real emergency.”

During the scenario, Sergeant Rosete remained calm and said he wasn’t nervous. It’s a sign that he is ready for Guardian Challenge 2004.

“I’m being tested on my job knowledge,” said Sergeant Rosete. “There is nothing to be nervous about when you know your job.”

Along with Sergeant Rosete and Sergeant Giberson, Tech. Sgt. Mark Master sand Staff Sgt. Ryan Armes make up this year’s team, and they are all a part of the 7-person spacelift maintenance team, which include their trainers who will be helping them to prepare for the big day.

Tech Sgt. Jeff Sirk, Staff Sgt. Floyd Stern, and Staff Sgt. Kevin Tadder, are all training and preparing the GC team to bring home the best spacelift maintenance title once again.

“The reason we want to win is because we’ve worked hard preparing and training for this competition,” said Sergeant Masters. “Although the trainers won’t be doing the actual competition, it’s a team effort and our victory is theirs.”

The spacelift maintenance team has been preparing for Guardian Challenge for more than

a month now, said Sergeant Ryan Armes.

“Our initial phase-one training was supposed to be more in-depth but we had the operational readiness inspection and that took precedence over our Guardian Challenge training,” Sergeant Armes added. “But now that we’re back into the swing of things, I’m excited about this. And if we win, especially (on the heels) of the ORI, it will be truly special.”

The team members said they have been preparing themselves by continuously studying their safety plan procedures and now that they are into their phase two training they are getting more prepared by doing the actual hands-on scenarios.

Although the spacelift maintenance team will face a rigorous evaluation, the early training and preparation increases their ability to perform the mission, Sergeant Giberson said.

Even as Guardian Challenge overflows with competition and tradition, the team members said they would remain grounded and focused on their goal; remaining the best spacelift maintenance team in Air Force Space Command.

Sergeant Rosete said his motto and goal for Guardian Challenge is “work hard, play hard, stay focused and win.”



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Staff Sgt. Fernando Rosete, 2nd Space Launch Squadron, uses his self-aid and buddy care skills to help Staff Sgt. Floyd Stern, 2nd SLS, during a scenario that tests his ability to follow the proper procedures during an emergency situation. Tech. Sgt. Mark Masters, 2nd SLS, grades Sergeant Rosete on his performance.

Pie-in-the-face contest and Shark Roast barbecue

April 23 at 3 p.m. in Cocheco Park. The contest begins at 4 p.m. and the ceremonial Shark Roast begins at 5 p.m. This event is a fundraiser held to help support the Guardian Challenge competitors.



Call 2nd Lt. Clint Townsend at 605-7916 for more information



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Terrance Scott, 30th Space Wing, gets a shot off out of reach of a security forces defender during the second half of the championship.

30th SFS defeats 30 SW to take intramural b-ball championship

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

30th Security Forces Squadron player/coach Steven Gonzalez was correct when he said, “No team would beat the Cops in this tournament.” The result was the 30th SFS No. 1 team celebrating their victory over the 30th Space Wing No.1 team in the intramural basketball championship game 54-48.

The game was nearly a repeat of the contest the Cops won against the Space Wing just two days before the championship game during the playoffs when the Cops sent the Space Wing to the loser’s bracket.

The Space Wing found its way back onto the court for a chance at redemption.

“It was a good game,” Gonzalez said. “The Space Wing deserved to be here. We just played solid defense.”

The Cops began the game with a lead and never let go, but the wing made every attempt to keep the game close.

“We thought it would work to our advantage if we could slow the tempo of the game,” said Space Wing’s coach William Carson.

The Space Wing could not keep up with the run and gun style of the Cops, so they tried to control the tempo of the game. Every time the Space Wing had

the ball, it would be passed at least three to five times to keep the Cops at bay and allow an under-manned Space Wing team to stay alive. At the end of the first half, the Cops had built a double-digit lead that they would keep until the very end.

Once the second half started it seemed to all go down hill for the wing.

The Cops extended their lead to almost 20 points, spreading the ball around between six of its players. The Space Wing, on the other hand, had only three scorers. Brandon Wengert and Audric Bills combined for all but seven of the Space Wing’s 48 points and Wengert scored 13 of the first 15 points during the game.

Nearing the end of the game, the wing battled back, coming within eight points of the Cops, but with only three people dropping their shots, the Space Wing had no chance.

Time was on the side of the Cops and they held off what would have been a great comeback.

For Jason Kornengay, one of the Cops leading scorers, the game brought a sense of satisfaction.

“We worked hard all year and we played together as a team,” Kornengay said. “It’s a real relief that this game is off our shoulders.”

Golfer breaks academy record

■ **U.S.AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — An Air Force Academy golfer had the lowest score in school history April 13. J.T. Hamamoto placed second overall at the Wyoming Cowboy Classic in Scottsdale, Ariz., and he finished 5 strokes under par — 1 stroke behind the winner, Travis Bertoni from California Polytechnic State University. The cadet carded a three-round total

of 69-67-69—205. It is the lowest 54-hole tournament score in the history of the Air Force Academy, breaking the 2001 record of 207. Hamamoto was tied with three other golfers heading into the final round and a 1-under par 69 helped him secure the runner-up position. The Air Force team tied for 12th overall with an 867 (295-285-287). It

was the lowest team score of the year for the Falcons. University of California, Los Angeles won the tournament. The Falcons next play at the Brigham Young University Cougar Classic beginning April 23 in Provo, Utah. It will be the final regular season tournament before the Mountain West Conference championships.

Baseball: Falcons lose 16-2 to Oklahoma

■ **NORMAN, Okla.** — Eighteenth-ranked University of Oklahoma hit a season-high five home runs to beat the Air Force Academy team here 16-2. The Falcons fall to 5-27 for the season, while the Sooners improve to 22-11. Tyler Gooch (1-0) picked up the win for the Sooners, holding the Falcons scoreless through seven innings while fanning six. Paul Vignola (1-7) took the loss for Air Force allowing two runs in two innings pitched. Oklahoma scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning off a home run and two doubles taking a 2-0 lead. Andrew McGuire homered to right field for the first run and then Ole Sheldon

scored after doubling on Eric Thornton’s two-bagger. The Sooners went to the longball again in the third to score three more runs and take a 5-0 lead. McGuire hit his second homer of the game in almost identical fashion, hammering an offering from Falcon reliever Blake Nixon over the wall in right field. Ryan Rohlinger then doubled and scored on Sheldon’s home run to left field. Oklahoma scored four more in the fourth on five hits to make it a 9-0 game. The Sooners tacked on six more in the fifth, with Ryan Rohlinger and Scott Brooker homering to make it 15-0. The Falcons got on the scoreboard

in the eighth inning scoring two runs. Jason Brown hit a towering home run that curled around the left field foul pole for the first run, and Jon Polston scored the second run on a wild pitch by Sooner reliever Charles Benoit to make it 16-2. Air Force was held to four hits while committing three errors. Four Sooners had three hits, and two more had two hits. Also seeing action in relief for the academy were Clayton Couch, Jeff Tetrault, Kyle DePierre and Mitch Brown. The Falcons play again April 16 to 18 with a three-game series at home against New Mexico.

Intramural volleyball season begins soon. All 30th Mission Support Group members wishing to put together a team should contact Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Soong at 606-3654.

Squash anyone?



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BERNICE SUAREZ

Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander and squash enthusiast, explains the rules of the game Thursday. The squash court here was recently refurbished. Workers repainted the walls and relaid the hardwood floors. The court is located at the gym annex.

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Santa Monica Pier offers sightseeing fun for all types

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Having not seen my father for more than a year, I was happy when I finally got to see him during his one-week visit to the West Coast. With nine days of free time on our hands, I decided to show him as much as I could during our time together.

We went to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon and back to Los Angeles. A week just isn't long enough when you're having fun, but our vacation ended as soon as it began and we decided to spend our last afternoon together at the Santa Monica Pier.

After spending half a day in Los Angeles traffic, the cool breeze of the ocean was very inviting. My father seemed quite in awe at the difference in the scenery of this side of the country compared to his home in Alabama. I felt almost like a kid again when I saw the ferris wheel, the junk food stands and little souvenir booths along the pier.

Although it was a gloomy day and it looked as if the rain wasn't far away, there was still a crowd. My father spent his time purchasing souvenirs for the family back home while I spent my time enjoying the scenery.

I saw an information poster that gave a brief history of the pier. It said the pier took sixteen months to construct and it opened in September 1909. In 1973, after years of deterioration, city officials demanded that the pier be torn down. But outraged residents



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The Santa Monica Pier was built in September 1909. The 1,600 foot pier took 16 months to construct. It's visited by more than three million people a year.

fought back and managed to get the pier established as a historical landmark. In 1981 the city officials began a restoration project that took seven years to complete.

Since the restoration was completed the pier is visited by more than three million people per year and I can see why. Other than the pier itself there is plenty to do along the beach. The volleyball court attracts the sports fanatics and the bike and

skate trails offer something for whole families to enjoy together.

Other than enjoying the beach itself, there are also plenty of activities and events held at the pier to keep the crowds attention.

Each Thursday night during summer months, pier officials host a "Twilight Dance Series" featuring musical performers from every musical genre. There are also film screenings and high school and college events held at the pier.

If I lived in Los Angeles I know I would probably be a regular at the Santa Monica Pier.

But since I don't I just like to think of it as a nice place to visit where I can get away from all the hustle and bustle of city traffic.

Although my time with my dad had come to an end, our time at the pier will be one of those everlasting memories that I'm sure I'll tell my own children about one day.



Volley ball, skating and bicycling are just a few of the activities that families can enjoy at the Santa Monica Pier. There are also arts and entertainment events offered to visitors of the pier during the summer months.



Ronald Glover, gets a close up view of the Santa Monica Pier and the Pacific Ocean. The pier was established as a historical landmark in 1981, which marked the beginning of a seven-year restoration program to get the pier back to it's original glory.



Directions:

Take 101 South to Los Angeles. Take 405 south from there then take the I-10 West. Exit the freeway at the 4th and 5th Street exits. Go north on 5th Street to and make a left on Colorado Blvd. Drive straight and make a left on Ocean Avenue then proceed two blocks. Make a right turn on Seaside Terrace and follow the signs to the pier parking.

Community Calendar

16 FRI **Thrift Savings briefing** – 11 a.m. to noon today at the family support center. To register call, 606-0039 or go to the Web site www.php-ids.com.

Baby Meet – needs a new volunteer coordinator. Baby Meet offers discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with babies newborn through two years old. Call 606-0039 for more information.

Playtime for Tots – needs a new volunteer coordinator. The playgroup is for children ages two through five. Call 606-0039 for more information.

Volunteers needed – 7:45 to 11:40 a.m. April 29 for Career Day at Fesler Junior High School in Santa Maria. Call 606-3595 to volunteer.

Vandenberg Neighborhood Watch – The 30th Security Forces Squadron Crime Prevention office is organizing

neighborhood watches. Residents who would like to pioneer the organization on their block should call 605-0792.

16 FRI **Library volunteer tutors** – the Lompoc Public Library Adult Reading Program seeks volunteers to work with English-speaking adults who want to improve their basic reading and writing skills. Call (805) 735-7323, ext. 16 for more information or to register.

Volunteers needed – Lompoc's Community Kitchen needs volunteers to cook and serve dinner to about 100 community members in need. Dinners are served at 5 p.m. Fridays. Cooking starts at 3 p.m. Call Toni Adams at 736-5455 to sign up.

Low walk-up fares – American Airlines expanded its military fares through the fall. The fares include no advance-purchase requirements and no change fees.

Call (800) 433-7300.
Marriage enrichment counseling – offered on a one-on-one basis for married and unmarried couples. Call 606-9958.

Dads-to-New Dads and Moms-to-New Moms programs – These mentorship programs offer support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

19 MON **Volunteers Needed** – The family services loan closet and the airman's attic programs need volunteers between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mondays and Fridays. Volunteers can work full, half or one-hour days. Call family services at 606-5484 or 606-4225 for more information.

Computer resource room – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the family support center for customers needing to access the Internet for job searches, relocation assistance, or to stay in touch with family separated because of military

service.
Stress/Self Management – 2 to 4 p.m. Monday at the Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-0039 or go to www.php-ids.com to register.

19 MON **Office Closure** – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays the family support center is closed for training. Call 606-0039 for emergencies.

Relaxation room – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Vandenberg HAWC. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

Pre Separation Briefing – 8 to 9 a.m. Monday at the family support center. To register go to the Web site www.php-ids.com.

Financial basics – 11 a.m. to noon Monday at the family support center. Call 606-0039 or go to the Web site www.php-ids.com to register.

Deployed Spouses Support Group – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the HAWC's family services area. Call 606-0039 or go

to www.PHP-IDS.com to register.

20 TUE **Disabled American Veterans** – Mobile service operations are held at 9 a.m.

Tuesdays in the Veterans Memorial Bldg at 108 East Locust Street in Lompoc. Call Dan Contreras at (310) 477-2539 for more information.

Crystal and Basket Bingo – 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Pacific Coast Club.

Call 734-2554 or 734-0956 for more information or for reservations.

Youth sign language classes – 3 to 3:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the education center room E-4. The class is for children in third through fifth grades. Call 734-0452 for more information.

Santa Maria 4-Wheelers club – meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Round Table Pizza. Call (805) 928-7532.

21 WED **Manage your move** – 8:45 to 11 a.m. Wednesday in the family support center. Call 606-0039 or go to the Web site www.php-ids.com to register.

Winning interview workshop – 1 to 3 p.m. at the family support center. Call 606-0039 or go to the Web site www.php-ids.com to register.

Santa Maria Camera Club – meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Arbor View Retirement Center. Call (805) 934-9709.

Partners Assisting in Reading – 2:55 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Crestview Elementary School Library. For more information, call 734-1651.

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2:15 p.m.	Cheer Tumbling (Gym)



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PACIFIC COAST CLUB



CRUD CRAZINESS IS BACK! TOURNAMENTS WILL BE STARTING THIS MONTH AT THE PCC

Sign ups ongoing for 3 man teams.

Also needed are volunteers to be referees.

For more information, contact:

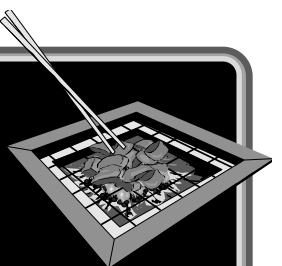
Lt. Christina Frank, 2 SLS at 606-1258
or Lt. Dwayne Florence, 2 SLS at 605-1909.

Sponsored by the CGOC.

For official rules and updates see Services website at
www.30svs.com

MONGOLIAN
BARBECUE

Wednesday Night at the Pacific Coast Club



New Pacific Coast Club Dues Policy

All new E-1 through E-4 members just \$3 per month! All current dues
for E-1 through E-4 have also been reduced from \$5 to \$3 per month.
You will still receive \$10 in coupons every month... it's like we are
paying you to be a member! AB - SrA graduating from technical
training will pay "zero" dues for their first year membership.

LIBRARY

Dial-A-Story: To hear this week's story, "The Price Is High" call the
Dial-A-Story at 606-4300. Stories are available 24/7, and are updated
every Friday.

Preschool Storytime: Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the base library. For
more information regarding our programs, please call 606-6414.

Did you know we have a paperback book exchange? One for adults and
one for kids. For more information regarding our programs,
please call 606-6414.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

RAFTING



Attention Adventure Seekers!

The Vandenberg Rafting Team is gearing up for the
summer rafting season. Volunteers are needed to
become whitewater rafting guides. No experience is
necessary, however the training is physically demanding.
You will be trained in all aspects of whitewater rafting.
For more information or to sign up, please call Outdoor
Recreation at 606-5908 or call Jeff at 605-7617.

